

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Families and Children's Services was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Wojno, Sheen, Hoogendyk, Palmer.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Stahl.

Representative Dean moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2007 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4481 before the committee.

HB 4481 Clack Children; foster care; foster care independence act that provides services for certain youth in foster care; create.

Representative Hammon moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4481. **The motion prevailed 7-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Clack, Dean, Hammon, Wojno, Sheen, Hoogendyk, Palmer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Hammon moved to report HB 4481 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). **The motion prevailed 8-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Wojno, Sheen, Hoogendyk, Palmer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Oliver J. Williams, Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota, testified on domestic violence in the African-American community. Professor Williams also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Sheen moved to excuse the absence of Representative Stahl. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Representative Brenda Clack, Chair

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk

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